

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-13 are amended to use wording and structure consistent with U.S. patent law practice.

Support for the amendment to Claim 1 is found on pages 7, lines 1-5, and 10, lines 11-15, in the specification.

Claims 2-4 are amended to use proper antecedent basis to Claim 1.

Claims 4-6 and 8-12 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies.

Claim 11 is amended to use proper antecedent basis.

Claims 14-19 are new and are supported by Claims 4, 5, 6, 10, 12 and 13 respectively.

No new matter will be added to this application by entry of this amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 1-19 are active.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Dang for the indication that Claims 1-13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The amendments made herein address each and all the issues described in the Official Action of November 19, 2007.

The rejection of Claim 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is obviated by appropriate amendment. Claim 1 is herein amended to describe alkylating and dehydrogenating reactions. In addition, Claim 1 is amended to use proper antecedent reference and use wording and structure consistent with U.S. patent law practice. Claims 2-13 are amended to use proper antecedent basis to Claim 1 and to use wording and structure consistent with U.S. patent law practice. Withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is therefore respectfully requested.

The objection to Claims 4-6 and 8-13 is obviated by appropriate amendment.  
Multiple dependencies have been eliminated from these claims and therefore Applicants respectfully submit that the objection is moot.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

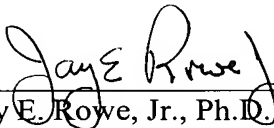
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